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1. MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS. FIGHTING CONTINUES IN NICOSIA AND OTHER AREAS OF CYPRUS. GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE REPORTEDLY CUT THE NICOSIA-DYRENIA ROAD, THUS PREVENTING TURKISH

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ROAD COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO POINTS. TURKEY

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HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITS AIR FORCE REPELLED AN ATTEMPT BY A GREEK FLOTILLA TO LAND REINFORCEMENTS AT PAPHOS THIS MORNING, BUT THE GOG CLAIMS THAT ALL GREEK NAVY VESSELS ARE IN GREEK WATERS; THERE WAS ALSO A REPORT THAT TWO TURKISH SHIPS WERE FIRED ON BY GREEK PLANES. IN GENERAL, IT APPEARS THAT THE TURKS HAVE MET MORE RESISTANCE THAN EXPECTED AND HAVE NOT ACHIEVED AS MUCH AS THEY HAD HOPED. NICOSIA AIRPORT, FOR EXAMPLE, IS STILL NOT UNDER THEIR CONTROL, AND IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE TURKISH CONTINGENT COMMANDER HAS BEEN KILLED. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS OF ATROCITIES

ON BOTH SIDES.

2. U.S. DIPLOMATIC MOVES. UNDER SECRETARY SISCO CONTINUES SHUTTLING BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE A CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. HE HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT QTE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS A CEASE-FIRE UNQTE. GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE NOT YET AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO LONDON FOR URGENT TALKS ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION, BUT TURKISH PRESIDENT KORUTURK ANNOUNCED AFTER A TURKISH NSC MEETING THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HOPES THE UN AND

QTE ALL INFLUENTIAL FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST UNQTE WILL SUCCEED IN TURNING THE MILITARY CLASH INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

3. GREECE. THE USDAO IN ATHENS REPORTED THAT THE GREEKS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE COMMITTED ANY MAINLAND FORCES TO BATTLE, ALTHOUGH HE FEELS THEY WILL NOT HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER WAITING FOR A CEASE-FIRE. THE GREEK PRESIDENT TOLD AMBASSADOR TASCA THIS MORNING THAT GREECE WOULD SHORTLY ANNOUNCE ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET

BEEN MADE, AND GREECE IS BEING PRESSURED FROM SEVERAL SIDES TO RECONSIDER ITS INTENTIONS.

4. NATO. SYG LUNS HAS ORGANIZED A SMALL GROUP OF ALLIES TO DISCUSS THE CYPRUS CRISIS ON A CONTINUING BASIS. GREECE AND TURKEY WILL NOT BE PRESENT. INCLUDED IN THE GROUP ARE MEMERS OF THE EC-9, THE SYG AND HIS KEY STAFF, BELGIUM, UK AND THE US.

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5. EVACUATION. THE CONVOY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM NICOSIA HAS ARRIVED AT DHEKELIA SBA. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO DELAY EVACUATION FROM THE SBA TO AVOID DISTRACTING FROM CEASE-FIRE EFFORTS IN ATHENS AND ANKARA. AMBASSADOR DAVIES REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH ARE NOW READY TO TURN ATTENTION TO EVACUATION OF THE NORTH COAST OF CYPRUS, AND THE SIXTH FLEET IS COORDINATING WITH BRITISH NAVY

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